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Page 2: B. Contact Information

Q1 1. County Name **Alameda**

Q2 2. Select the department you are representing. **Probation Department**

Q3 3. Contact Information (Child Welfare)

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Page 3: C-1. Overall Recruitment Goals and Congregate Care Reduction Goals

Q5 1. Recruitment goal for non-related caregivers (Child Welfare):	Percent Increase (%)	0
	Number Increase (#)	0

Q6 2. Recruitment goal for non-related caregivers (Probation):	Percent Increase (%)	5
	Number Increase (#)	5

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Q7 3. Recruitment goal for relative/NREFM caregivers (Child Welfare):	Percent Increase (%)	0
	Number Increase (#)	0
Q8 4. Recruitment goal for relative/NREFM caregivers (Probation):	Percent Increase (%)	10
	Number Increase (#)	10

Page 4: C-2. Overall Recruitment Goals and Congregate Care Reduction Goals

Q9 1. Recruitment goal for non-related caregivers (Child Welfare):	Percent Increase (%)	0
	Number Increase (#)	0
Q10 2. Recruitment goal for non-related caregivers (Probation):	Percent Increase (%)	60
	Number Increase (#)	3
Q11 3. Recruitment goal for relative/NREFM caregivers (Child Welfare):	Percent Increase (%)	0
	Number Increase (#)	0
Q12 4. Recruitment goal for relative/NREFM caregivers (Probation):	Percent Increase (%)	30
	Number Increase (#)	5

Page 5: C-3. Overall Recruitment Goals and Congregate Care Reduction Goals

Q13 1. How many children in {{ Q1 }} County were in congregate care on June 30, 2018 (include children placed out-of-county)?	Child Welfare	0
	Probation	69
Q14 2. What was the goal for reducing congregate care placements during this time (Child Welfare)?	Percent Decrease (%)	0
	Number Decrease (#)	0
Q15 3. What was the goal for reducing congregate care placements during this time (Probation)?	Percent Decrease (%)	10
	Number Decrease (#)	6

Page 6: C-4. Overall Recruitment Goals and Congregate Care Reduction Goals

Q16 1. How many children in {{ Q1 }} County do you estimate will remain in congregate care on June 30, 2019?	Child Welfare	0
	Probation	60

Page 7: D-1.1 Family Finding

Q17 1. Please briefly recap {{ Q1 }} County's FY 2017-18 goals for Family Finding, as outlined in your FY 2017-18 FPRRS plan. Please note if the goals evolved over the course of the year, and any significant insights gained while pursuing these goals. If {{ Q1 }} County did not have a specific goal for Family Finding in FY 2017-18, please briefly explain why a specific goal was not needed.

The Alameda County Probation did not have a specific goal identified which directly related to Family Finding in FY 2017-18. Instead of focusing on this particular goal, our department believed that it was necessary to focus their efforts on providing stabilization services to families both prior to, and upon the youth's return from congregate care. At the time of the development of these goals, it was believed that this would be sufficient to adequately address the issue of out of home placement, as a large number of probation youth are removed from their home as a result of their criminal offense and the need to provide community safety, as opposed to their lack of a suitable home. It was therefore the intention of the department to both increase and improve the support systems for the families. Despite our failure to list this as a targeted goal for the previous fiscal year, there were in fact Family Finding efforts completed on our behalf by a contracted agency, whom we entered an agreement to provide this service in addition to RFAs. Upon further review of FY 2017-18 practices and results, we have realized that there is a definite need to enhance our Family Finding efforts to locate additional home-based settings for our population. As such, Alameda County Probation will be including increased Family Finding efforts as a part of their FY 2018-19 goals.

Page 8: D-1.2 Family Finding

Q18 1. Which specific services and supports did Family Finding activities provide? Select ALL that apply.	Family Finding Support & Staff
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Q19 2. Please describe in detail how Family Finding activities were implemented.

Alameda County

Q20 3. Does {{ Q1 }} County have an ongoing sustainability plan for these activities? A sustainability plan can include efforts by {{ Q1 }} County or by other parties.	YES (please describe): NA
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Q21 3a. Does {{ Q1 }} County intend to fund these activities after FPRRS funding has ceased?	YES
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Page 10: D-1.2 Family Finding

Q22 4. Please briefly summarize how {{ Q1 }} County met its goals.

As previously indicated. Alameda County did not establish any Family Finding goals for FY 2017-18. Despite that fact, we did utilize Family Finding efforts through a contracted party.

Q23 5. Please describe any advice or best practices for other counties that may wish to implement similar Family Finding activities.

NA

Q24 6. Please briefly summarize how {{ Q1 }} County did not meet its goals.

NA

Q25 7. For any unmet goals, tell us the barriers and/or challenges which prevented the goal from being met. Are there any lessons learned from the attempt to meet the goal which may be disseminated to other counties facing similar circumstances?

NA

Q26 8. Please describe any noteworthy barriers to implementation, advice or best practices for other counties that may wish to implement similar Family Finding activities, not already described above.

NA

Page 11: D-1.3 Family Finding

Q27 1. If these activities affected children in care, please enter the number of children affected.

22

Q28 2. Please briefly state how they were affected.

Alameda County Probation submitted 42 referrals for Family Finding services. Of the 42 referrals, 22 received permanency services. Six of the youth were able to locate relatives to reside with following the implemented services.

Q29 3. If these activities affected caregivers, please enter the number of caregivers affected.

0

Q30 4. Please briefly state how they were affected.

NA

Q31 5. Given the outcomes achieved, please describe what (if anything) {{ Q1 }} County would do differently to address its Family Finding goals, or what you intend to change going forward.

NA

Page 12: D-1.4 Family Finding

Q32 1. FPRRS - State General Fund

15650

Q33 2. FPRRS - Federal IV-E

5217

Q34 3. Non-FPRRS

0

Page 13: D-1.5 Family Finding

Q35 1. Will {{ Q1 }} County continue to address the unmet goals?

YES (Please provide additional information and/or any proposed new activities involved.):
Family Finding efforts will be increased for FY 2018-19. Alameda County would like to incorporate these efforts internally, as to ensure that we have family history at initial inception of the youth case in the event that out of home placement appears to be imminent.

Q36 2. Does {{ Q1 }} County have any new goals related to Family Finding for FY 2018-19?

YES (Please describe these new goals in detail. Please include how your existing activities will address these new goals and, if applicable, please outline any new Family Finding activities that you are proposing to implement to address these goals.):

While Alameda County Probation did not identify any goals directly related to Family Finding for FY 2017-18, we have realized that this is a critical component which needs to be addressed for FY 2018-19. As such, our goal for the upcoming fiscal year will be to increase our Family Finding efforts in hopes of identifying additional natural support for the youth which we serve, with the potential for location of permanent homes for those who are unable to return to their parent/guardian. Alameda County Probation currently has a contract with Family Builders to provide a number of services to the Juvenile Field Division. One of the services which they provide includes Family Finding. While we would like to continue to use these services provided by Family Builders, we would like to extend our efforts of Family Finding beyond the scope of their contract. Alameda County Probation understands that the identification of natural support should occur prior to the youth entering congregate care. Therefore, we plan to implement a method of Family Finding upon the youth's entrance into the juvenile justice system. Once the initial foundation has been set, we would like to continue to build on the findings while the youth remains under our jurisdiction. By doing so, we are hoping to have a robust list of natural supports to utilize should the youth's matter escalate to the point of removal from their home.

Page 14: D-2.1 Outreach

Q37 1. Please briefly recap {{ Q1 }} County's FY 2017-18 goals for Outreach, as outlined in your FY 2017-18 FPRRS plan. Please note if the goals evolved over the course of the year, and any significant insights gained while pursuing these goals. If {{ Q1 }} County did not have a specific goal for Outreach in FY 2017-18, please briefly explain why a specific goal was not needed.

N/A

Page 15: D-2.2 Outreach

Q38 1. Which specific services and supports did Outreach activities provide? Select ALL that apply.

Other (please describe):

N/A

Q39 2. Please describe in detail how Outreach activities were implemented.

N/A

Q40 3. Does {{ Q1 }} County have an ongoing sustainability plan for these activities? A sustainability plan can include efforts by {{ Q1 }} County or by other parties. **NO**

Page 16: D-2.2 Outreach

Q41 3a. Does {{ Q1 }} County intend to fund these activities after FPRRS funding has ceased? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 17: D-2.2 Outreach

Q42 4. Please briefly summarize how {{ Q1 }} County met its goals.

N/A

Q43 5. Please describe any advice or best practices for other counties that may wish to implement similar Outreach activities.

N/A

Q44 6. Please briefly summarize how {{ Q1 }} County did not meet its goals.

N/A

Q45 7. For any unmet goals, tell us the barriers and/or challenges which prevented the goal from being met. Are there any lessons learned from the attempt to meet the goal which may be disseminated to other counties facing similar circumstances?

N/A

Q46 8. Please describe any noteworthy barriers to implementation, advice or best practices for other counties that may wish to implement similar Outreach activities, not already described above.

N/A

Page 18: D-2.3 Outreach

Q47 1. If these activities affected children in care, please enter the number of children affected.

0

Q48 2. Please briefly state how they were affected.

N/A

Q49 3. If these activities affected caregivers, please enter the number of caregivers affected.

0

Q50 4. Please briefly state how they were affected.

N/A

Q51 5. Given the outcomes achieved, please describe what (if anything) {{ Q1 }} County would do differently to address its Outreach goals, or what you intend to change going forward.

N/A

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Q52 1. FPRRS - State General Fund

0

Q53 2. FPRRS - Federal IV-E

0

Q54 3. Non-FPRRS

0

Page 20: D-2.5 Outreach

Q55 1. Will {{ Q1 }} County continue to address the unmet goals? **NO**

Q56 2. Does {{ Q1 }} County have any new goals related to Outreach for FY 2018-19?	<p>YES (Please describe these new goals in detail. Please include how your existing activities will address these new goals and, if applicable, please outline any new Outreach activities that you are proposing to implement to address these goals.):</p> <p>Alameda County did not have a goal established for the previous fiscal year involving Outreach. However, we have recognized that Outreach plays a crucial role in identifying potential resource families for our youth. For the upcoming FY 2018-19, Alameda County Probation plans to create a formalized process for Outreach services within the community. We will explore the use of options such as social media exposure, as well as the potential development of recruitment flyers which would be designed specifically for probation youth.</p>
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Page 21: D-3.1 Reducing Congregate Care

Q57 1. Please briefly recap {{ Q1 }} County's FY 2017-18 goals for Reducing Congregate Care, as outlined in your FY 2017-18 FPRRS plan. Please note if the goals evolved over the course of the year, and any significant insights gained while pursuing these goals. If {{ Q1 }} County did not have a specific goal for Reducing Congregate Care in FY 2017-18, please briefly explain why a specific goal was not needed.	<p>Alameda County's FY 2017-18 goal for Reducing Congregate Care centered around maintaining lasting connections with family/caregiver and increasing stability, while normalizing the experience for youth as much as possible.</p>
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Page 22: D-3.2 Reducing Congregate Care

Q58 1. Which specific services and supports did Reducing Congregate Care activities provide? Select ALL that apply.	<p>Concrete Support, Wraparound</p>
Q59 2. Please describe in detail how Reducing Congregate Care activities were implemented.	<p>The Alameda County Probation Department contracted with three separate providers (Project Permanence, Seneca Services, Lincoln Multi-Dimensional Family Therapy) to provide individualized work with the youth and their families in an attempt to prevent removal from the home. Parent partners are assigned to the youth's parent/legal guardian in Wraparound services in order to increase the level of support. Any needs which were identified by a contract provider were communicated directly to the department and every attempt was made to fulfill that gap with monies to assist the family in the home and hopefully sustain in-home care. Support was provided in the form of bus passes, food, training, parenting classes, allowance for medication, and housing support.</p>

Q60 3. Does {{ Q1 }} County have an ongoing sustainability plan for these activities? A sustainability plan can include efforts by {{ Q1 }} County or by other parties.

YES (please describe):
Currently, Alameda County is a Title IV-E Waiver County and will plans to utilize these funds to continue to provide extensive wraparound services. Once the waiver ends, the Alameda County Probation Department will attempt to continue these services with another grant funding stream such as JJCPA.

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Q61 3a. Does {{ Q1 }} County intend to fund these activities after FPRRS funding has ceased?

YES

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Q62 4. Please briefly summarize how {{ Q1 }} County met its goals.

The Alameda County Probation Department continues to provide these services to a large number of their youth population. As such, there has been a significant decline in the number of youth who have been placed in congregate care. From 2017 to 2018, the number of youth in Alameda County placement declined from 91 youth in congregate care to only 59.

Q63 5. Please describe any advice or best practices for other counties that may wish to implement similar Reducing Congregate Care activities.

Alameda County Probation would encourage other departments to establish strong ties with any external partners and utilize provided services to enhance support to the families.

Q64 6. Please briefly summarize how {{ Q1 }} County did not meet its goals.

N/A

Q65 7. For any unmet goals, tell us the barriers and/or challenges which prevented the goal from being met. Are there any lessons learned from the attempt to meet the goal which may be disseminated to other counties facing similar circumstances?

N/A

Q66 8. Please describe any noteworthy barriers to implementation, advice or best practices for other counties that may wish to implement similar Reducing Congregate Care activities, not already described above.

N/A

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Q67 1. If these activities affected children in care, please enter the number of children affected.

291

Q68 2. Please briefly state how they were affected.

At the conclusion of the 2018 fiscal year, out of 291 youth receiving wraparound services, 220 (76%) were living at home or a home-like setting in the community and not in congregate care six months post discharge.

Q69 3. If these activities affected caregivers, please enter the number of caregivers affected.

0

Q70 4. Please briefly state how they were affected.

N/A

Q71 5. Given the outcomes achieved, please describe what (if anything) {{ Q1 }} County would do differently to address its Reducing Congregate Care goals, or what you intend to change going forward.

None.

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Q72 1. FPRRS - State General Fund

0

Q73 2. FPRRS - Federal IV-E

0

Q74 3. Non-FPRRS

1045071

Page 27: D-3.5 Reducing Congregate Care

Q75 1. Will {{ Q1 }} County continue to address the unmet goals? **NO**

Q76 2. Does {{ Q1 }} County have any new goals related to Reducing Congregate Care for FY 2018-19? **NO**

Page 28: D-4.1 Stabilizing Placements/Removing Barriers

Q77 1. Please briefly recap {{ Q1 }} County's FY 2017-18 goals for Stabilizing Placements/Removing Barriers, as outlined in your FY 2017-18 FPRRS plan. Please note if the goals evolved over the course of the year, and any significant insights gained while pursuing these goals. If {{ Q1 }} County did not have a specific goal for Stabilizing Placements/Removing Barriers in FY 2017-18, please briefly explain why a specific goal was not needed.

Probation anticipated a need for periodic immediate financial support to relative and non-relative caregivers to increase their capability to act as a resource family and remove financial hardships which could be a barrier for potential caregivers. Potential caregivers may not have possessed the necessary means to accommodate a youth in the timeframes involved in court proceedings, especially as it pertains to youth who are detained. The Alameda County Probation Department had a goal to provide increased support to the caregivers to increase the likelihood that a youth could be placed in their home and to prevent any unnecessary removals.

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Q78 1. Which specific services and supports did Stabilizing Placements/Removing Barriers activities provide? Select ALL that apply.

Caregiver Support,
Concrete Support,
Normalizing
Activities

Q79 2. Please describe in detail how Stabilizing Placements/Removing Barriers activities were implemented.

Providers with limited financial resources were provided with concrete resources during the initial period of placement to assist them with meeting the youth's needs. These concrete services consisted of items such as beds, as well as grocery store gift cards to provide food for the youth. In return, this assisted with stabilizing the placement.

Q80 3. Does {{ Q1 }} County have an ongoing sustainability plan for these activities? A sustainability plan can include efforts by {{ Q1 }} County or by other parties.

YES (please describe):
Alameda County will continue to provide these services to the families which we serve by utilizing alternative funding streams.

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Q81 3a. Does {{ Q1 }} County intend to fund these activities after FPRRS funding has ceased?

YES

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Q82 4. Please briefly summarize how {{ Q1 }} County met its goals.

Families with identified needs which could be addressed and who agreed to work in conjunction with our department received these services. Alameda County currently has 23 Resource Families and we believe that our provision of concrete services and our continued support has been an critical factor in helping us achieve that number.

Q83 5. Please describe any advice or best practices for other counties that may wish to implement similar Stabilizing Placements/Removing Barriers activities.

N/A

Q84 6. Please briefly summarize how {{ Q1 }} County did not meet its goals.

N/A

Q85 7. For any unmet goals, tell us the barriers and/or challenges which prevented the goal from being met. Are there any lessons learned from the attempt to meet the goal which may be disseminated to other counties facing similar circumstances?

N/A

Q86 8. Please describe any noteworthy barriers to implementation, advice or best practices for other counties that may wish to implement similar Stabilizing Placements/Removing Barriers activities, not already described above.

N/A

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Q87 1. If these activities affected children in care, please enter the number of children affected.

23

Q88 2. Please briefly state how they were affected.

The youth were affected as concrete services were provided to Resource Families to assist in their stabilization within the placement.

Q89 3. If these activities affected caregivers, please enter the number of caregivers affected.

23

Q90 4. Please briefly state how they were affected.

The Alameda County Probation Department offered services to the 23 resource providers which gave them a feeling of support from the department and lessened some of the financial impact of the youth's placement.

Q91 5. Given the outcomes achieved, please describe what (if anything) {{ Q1 }} County would do differently to address its Stabilizing Placements/Removing Barriers goals, or what you intend to change going forward.

N/A

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Q92 1. FPRRS - State General Fund

45580

Q93 2. FPRRS - Federal IV-E

26219

Q94 3. Non-FPRRS

2991

Page 34: D-4.5 Stabilizing Placements/Removing Barriers

Q95 1. Will {{ Q1 }} County continue to address the unmet goals? **NO**

Q96 2. Does {{ Q1 }} County have any new goals related to Stabilizing Placements/Removing Barriers for FY 2018-19? **NO**

Page 35: D-5.1 Supporting Caregivers

Q97 1. Please briefly recap {{ Q1 }} County's FY 2017-18 goals for Supporting Caregivers, as outlined in your FY 2017-18 FPRRS plan. Please note if the goals evolved over the course of the year, and any significant insights gained while pursuing these goals. If {{ Q1 }} County did not have a specific goal for Supporting Caregivers in FY 2017-18, please briefly explain why a specific goal was not needed.

N/A

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Q98 1. Which specific services and supports did Supporting Caregivers activities provide? Select ALL that apply. Other (please describe):
N/A

Q99 2. Please describe in detail how Supporting Caregivers activities were implemented.

N/A

Q100 3. Does {{ Q1 }} County have an ongoing sustainability plan for these activities? A sustainability plan can include efforts by {{ Q1 }} County or by other parties. **NO**

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Q101 3a. Does {{ Q1 }} County intend to fund these activities after FPRRS funding has ceased?

Respondent skipped this question

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Q102 4. Please briefly summarize how {{ Q1 }} County met its goals.

N/A

Q103 5. Please describe any advice or best practices for other counties that may wish to implement similar Supporting Caregivers activities.

N/A

Q104 6. Please briefly summarize how {{ Q1 }} County did not meet its goals.

N/A

Q105 7. For any unmet goals, tell us the barriers and/or challenges which prevented the goal from being met. Are there any lessons learned from the attempt to meet the goal which may be disseminated to other counties facing similar circumstances?

N/A

Q106 8. Please describe any noteworthy barriers to implementation, advice or best practices for other counties that may wish to implement similar Supporting Caregivers activities, not already described above.

N/A

Page 39: D-5.3 Supporting Caregivers

Q107 1. If these activities affected children in care, please enter the number of children affected.

0

Q108 2. Please briefly state how they were affected.

N/A

Q109 3. If these activities affected caregivers, please enter the number of caregivers affected.

0

Q110 4. Please briefly state how they were affected.

N/A

Q111 5. Given the outcomes achieved, please describe what (if anything) {{ Q1 }} County would do differently to address its Supporting Caregivers goals, or what you intend to change going forward.

N/A

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Q112 1. FPRRS - State General Fund

0

Q113 2. FPRRS - Federal IV-E

0

Q114 3. Non-FPRRS

0

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Q115 1. Will {{ Q1 }} County continue to address the unmet goals?	NO
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Q116 2. Does {{ Q1 }} County have any new goals related to Supporting Caregivers for FY 2018-19?	NO
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Page 42: E. Comments

Q117 Please use the box below for any comments, questions, or concerns about the survey or the use of Survey Monkey.	Respondent skipped this question
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